



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

October 2, 2013

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

SUBJECT: Introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 772 Amending the Municipal Code by Adding Section 8.08.130 (Establishing Mandatory Commercial Recycling Within the Town of Fairfax)

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Introduce and read by title only ordinance No. 772 an Ordinance of the Town Council of Fairfax amending the municipal code by adding section 8.08.130 (establish mandatory commercial recycling within the Town of Fairfax)
- 2) Waive further reading of the ordinance

DISCUSSION

In August and September 2013, the Council discussed a proposed ordinance which was based on a model ordinance prepared by the Marin County Hazardous Waste and Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Authority and recommended by the Council's Zero Waste Committee. The ordinance also reflected numerous suggestions made by Marin Sanitary Services (MSS) to improve the ordinance.

At the September meeting, the Council indicated it wanted the ordinance to apply all commercial accounts with MSS. The Council's Zero Waste Committee met to discuss this issue with MSS. MSS estimates this would result in 17 more businesses participating in the mandatory recycling program than would otherwise. However, the organics requirement of the ordinance would not apply to all commercial accounts because MSS is unable to provide such service at this time. MSS also suggested some revisions to the enforcement notifications section to make the process somewhat less labor intensive for MSS. The Zero Waste Committee reviewed and supported these revisions.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost for Sustainable Fairfax to provide public outreach and education services.

Attachment: Ordinance No. 772

A copy of the ordinance will be provided as a supplemental agenda item prior to the October 2, 2013 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM # 17